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 : USEFUL IN THE TREATMENT
 : OF ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE
 : OR ALCOHOL ABUSE

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AMENDMENT

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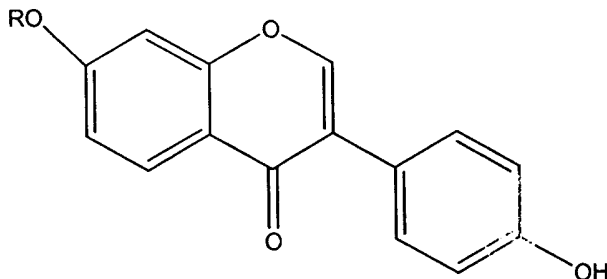
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2002, using a clean copy of amendments to the Specification and Claims and a marked-up version thereof, using underlining to indicate additions and strikethrough to indicate deletions, Applicants amend as follows:

Marked up Version of the Claims

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice.

3. (Twice Amended) A method for therapeutically reducing alcohol consumption in a human in need thereof comprising administering to the human a compound of formula I



Formula I

wherein:

R is substituted or unsubstituted and is a